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## APPROVAL OF CLOSURE REPORT FOR FORMER TEMPORARY ACCUMULATION AREA (TAA) 441, FORMER MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EL TORO

Dear Mr. Piszkin:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reviewed the subject document dated February 2001 and the March 28, 2003 responses to DTSC comments on the document. The closure report summarizes the results of 13 soil samples collected from six locations adjacent to and within TAA 441. The confirmation soil samples were collected on November 11, 1999 and the samples were analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), Semi-VOCs, total petroleum (TPH) as gasoline, TPH as diesel, pesticides and polychlorinated biphenyls, metals, pH, and cyanide. The TAA 441 was identified as Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 256 in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Assessment (RFA) prepared for MCAS El Toro. The unit may have been used for the storage of hazardous waste drums containing waste oil and absorbent material. TAA 441 is described as a 10-foot by 30-foot concrete storage pad with a concrete berm around the perimeter located north of Building 441 in the southeast quadrant of the station.

The Navy has adequately addressed our comments transmitted on August 26, 2002. Therefore, we agree with the conclusions and recommendations presented in the closure report and hereby approve it.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (714) 484-5449.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rafat A. Abbasi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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